

## *Angela Evans*

BIO

Angela C. Evans is an attorney, certified mediator and native of Lexington, Kentucky. Her career is rooted in public service. Prior to her election to the Lexington Fayette Urban County Council in 2015, Evans served as General Counsel to former Kentucky Secretary of State, Trey Grayson, and as Assistant Attorney General to former Kentucky Attorney General, Jack Conway. Evans began her legal career as a Public Defender in Lexington, Kentucky, representing indigent clients in misdemeanor and felony court. She also served on the Ethics Commission from 2002 to 2009 and served as Chairperson from 2007 to 2009.

Evans' heart for service and justice has manifested in various ways over her lifetime. In her official capacity, Councilmember Evans served on Lexington's Homelessness Prevention & Intervention Board that is charged with ensuring efficient and effective systems are in place throughout the city to provide citizens access to shelter, food and other basic needs. Through her undergraduate studies in Social Work at Clark Atlanta University, later work as a Public Defender, and now as a Councilmember, Evans has witnessed the devastating impact poverty can have on individuals, their children and generations after, robbing entire cities of generations of productive citizens.

In 2007, Evans was compelled to travel with friends to Gulu, Uganda on a mission trip, where they provided emotional and spiritual support to Zion Project staff and local woman attending the program. They also hosted after-school activities for young girls living at the Zion Project orphanage. Her time in Uganda was extremely rewarding and afforded her the opportunity to help improve the lives of individuals around the world through international policy work with the United Nations. Evans was acknowledged for her valuable suggestions and contributions to the United Nations.

In 2015, Evans became only the second female of color to ever serve on Lexington's city council. She strives for excellence from government, values the perspective of all her constituents, and is always ready to ask the difficult questions and address the most challenging issues. In 2018, during Lexington's discussions on the removal of Confederate statutes from downtown, Councilmember Evans commendably represented Lexington on MSNBC Live with Hallie Jackson, discussing the civility Lexington displayed while speaking on this sensitive topic.

In addition to her Council and lawyer responsibilities, Evans serves on the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Blood Center, the National Advisory Board to the Dean of the College of Communication & Information at the University of Kentucky, the Executive Committee of the Fayette County Democratic Party, and is a member of the Lexington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated.

Evans received her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work with honors, from Clark Atlanta University. She is a proud graduate of the University of Tennessee, College of Law, where she received her Juris Doctorate in 2000 and was awarded the Dean's Citation for exemplary service to the College of Law.